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TAGS: ETRD, IS

SUBJECT: ISRAEL AND GSP; MEETING WITH ECONOMIC COUNSELOR

RAFF

REF: STATE 160131

1. IN INITIAL CALL BY RAFF ON NEW EB/OT/GCP CHIEF, SHARON
AHMAD AUGUST 5, LATTER INQUIRED STATUS ITEMS REFTEL. RAFF
SAID:

A. DESPITE NEDIVI BEST EFFORTS GOI POSITION BTN 48019990

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(PAPER AND BOARD) AND BTN 24.021000 (MANUFACTURED TOBACCO/

CIGARETTES) UNCHANGED AND CANNOT BE INCLUDED PRODUCT LIST.
HOWEVER, HE WOULD SEE IF GOI COULD GIVE SOME LANGUAGE RE
24021000 WHICH WOULD LEAVE MATTER OPEN FOR LATER RECONSIDER-
ATION.

B. TARIFF HEADINGS IN PARA (3)(B) REFTEL REMAIN UNDER GOI
CONSIDERATION. RAFF WILL TRY TO ASCERTAIN WHEN REPLY MAY BE
EXPECTED.

C. HE UNCLEAR GOI POSITION REMAINING TWO ITEMS PARA 3A
REFTEL (BTN 73.101014 AND BTN 87.045039) AND WOULD INQUIRE.

D. SEVEN DIGIT AGGREGATION CRITERION UNACCEPTABLE.

E. RE LOWERING OF DRAFT NOTE PARA 2B CRITERION FROM US
DOLLARS 400,000 TO US DOLLARS 300,000, RAFF SAID HIS
IMPRESSION US DOLLARS 300,000 WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE BUT
HINTED POSSIBLE COMPROMISE.

2. GOI POSITION APPARENTLY BASED ON TELEPHONE CONVERSATION
WITH NEDIVI, WHO RAFF STATES HAS RECENTLY RESIGNED. RAFF
COMMENTED THAT THE GOI THOUGHT IT HAD BEEN VERY FORTHCOMING
IN AGREEING TO 133 OF 145 TARIFF LINES REQUESTED BY US.

3. RAFF AGREED TO TRY TO REPLY ON ALL OUTSTANDING ISSUES
ABOVE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. KISSINGER

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